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✓ (1) Martinez, Oct, 16, 1913.

Dear Johnson:

I think your plan of battle excellent & we must win

- (1) As to my going to Chicago & Wash. I may not be able for several reasons. but some of us will.
- (2) We are hard at work on Women's Clubs
- (3) The San Joaquin folk I fear can't do us much more good or ill than they have already done
- (4) Nothing to be got out of Lake Eleanor squabbles.
- (5) Sending out newspaper list to other papers etc etc, good & important in keeping our cause before the public
- (6) "We must get all our Societies to work" Yes, I've called a meeting of Sierra Club
- (7) "We must get Cabinet ministers, McAdoo etc to stand against Lane" etc Capital -
- (8) Write personal notes to Grover Borah etc thanking them, supplying them with all our ammunition etc Good

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(9) A sheet of very short extracts from
 press notices, to be scattered broadcast
 a most promising plan.
 and we must keep personal letters
 flying in a country wide storm thick
 as snow flakes about the President's
 head & the Senator's.

Referring to your last letter Oct 11-
 I can't believe Leavitt or any engineer
 can accomplish anything like a
 snuffing out of the San Francisco
 20 year old Hetch Hetchy scheme
 now that the fight for it is hottest
 Landscape architects like Olmsted
 say three or four visiting the Valley
 especially under the auspices of the
 President & his Cabinet, would I think
 insure a veto. The time is short
 however to get a commission
 here before the season of winter
 storms. After all we have to depend
 on wide awake enlightened public opinion

I'm glad you & Osborn are planning large
 committee & public meetings of societies etc.
 We are getting our Sierra Club thoroughly
 awakened at last.

I'm trying to get a lot of good photographs for the President & our best fighting Senators & the use of newspapers and Herbert Gleason the lecturer & photographer. a member of the Sierra Club who knows all the Tuolumne region well & indeed all the Sierra & Rocky mountains & their parks has made a lot of Hetch Hetchy & Tuolumne Canon slides & is going to make more for a Hetch Hetchy lecture which he hopes to deliver in Washington toward the end of ^{next} month, and as Tumulty knows him well the President may be induced to attend the lecture & judge the value of ^{the} Valley with his own eyes.

I enclose Mr Gleason's letter to the President

Tomorrow or next day after I'll send you \$73.07 to balance our acct so far having sent you check for \$100. x Sep. 30th

You will find Mrs Osborn a most devout friend of our National Parks & particularly of Hetch Hetchy. You are fighting gloriously & must win Christian soldier up & smite em. Ever faithfully admiringly yours
John Muir